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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 26, 2001, enclosed is an amendment
in the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method for stimulating a human cochlea in
response to a sound, comprising:
generating an electrical sound signal in response to the sound;
generating an electrical analog carrier signal having a frequency greater than
20 kHz;
modulating the carrier signal with the sound signal to generate a modulated
signal; and
applying the modulated signal to an electrode that is coupled with the cochlea
such that carrier signal is applied to the cochlea.

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